



## **DODGE COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE DODGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

**November 16, 2020**

The Dodge County Extension Education Committee of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors met Monday, November 16, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Auditorium in the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Allen Behl – District 19, called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. with the following members present: Jenifer Hedrick (present via Zoom) – District 22; Annette Thompson (present via Zoom) – Dodge County School District Superintendent.

**Also present:** Area Extension Director Jeff Hoffman and Extension Dodge County department lead Tracy Malterer.

**Also present via Zoom:** Pattie Carroll, Human Development & Relationships Educator; Kimberly Lafler, FoodWise Nutrition Educator; Caitlin Richardson, FoodWise Nutrition Coordinator; and Amanda Young, Dairy and Livestock Educator.

**Absent:** Naomi Kriewald – District 9; Travis Schultz – District 25; Marie Witzel, 4-H Youth Development Educator

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Hedrick, second by Thompson to approve the October 19, 2020 minutes as printed. Motion carried 3-0.

**REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT REVENUE AND EXPENSES:** Review and discussion of the Division of Extension - Dodge County revenues and expenses for October 2020 as presented.

**APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS OF EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2020:** Chairperson Behl reviewed the per diem sheets as listed. Motion by Hedrick, second by Thompson to approve per diems as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

**UPDATE ON DIVISION OF EXTENSION FROM AREA DIRECTOR:** Hoffman reviewed the approved 2021 budget and clarified the removal of unfunded county position descriptions that are currently vacant as it relates to the Extension department. Hoffman will coordinate a meeting with the Extension Education Committee and Heidi Johnson, Extension Ag Institute Director to discuss the role and expectations of a Soil Health professional to fill the vacant Crops & Soils position in Dodge and Fond du Lac counties. The Committee will be invited to attend a Zoom meeting with Hoffman and Johnson on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00pm.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE 2021 EXTENSION CONTRACT:** The Committee discussed the 2021 Extension Contract. The contract has been reviewed by Corporation Counsel without objection. Motion by Thompson, second by Hedrick to approve the 2021 Extension Contract. Motion carried 3-0.

**EDUCATOR PRESENTATION:** Caitlin Richardson, FoodWise Coordinator and Kimberly Lafler, FoodWise Educator gave a presentation on food safety; and discussed the programming methods delivered to county partners throughout the month of November. The presentations have built-in activities to sustain attention of youth and adults who are participating virtually. Richardson emphasized the use of Extension specialists and resources to educate intentional audiences around healthy food habits.

**SHORT ORAL REPORTS BY EXTENSION EDUCATORS:**

**Amanda Young, Dairy and Livestock Educator** – Young discussed some of the programs she has been working on. The first is adding Spanish and Hmong translations to the “Small Flock Nuggets” social media posts she has developed for small and backyard poultry raisers. Next Young talked about the “Badger Dairy Insight” series that will feature State Specialists and County Educators starting December 8th at 1:00pm through the end of March 2021. This series will be comprised of 15 different sessions featuring topics from farm safety to animal welfare, and dairy nutrition. Finally, Young discussed a marketing program she is working on with Area 16 and 14 colleges. This will be a Zoom program on alternating Tuesdays and Thursdays starting in January 2021 and will discuss crops and livestock marketing.

**Pattie Carroll, Human Development & Relationships Educator** – Carroll reported that Virtual Parent Cafe ended and evaluations are being collected. There will be an impact report in January as well as a father-centered iteration of the program. Carroll reported that the last day of “Building Your Resilience During the Time of COVID” is ending the week of November 16. Evaluations will be collected, and new stress reduction/mindfulness program is being planned for January 2021. Carroll wrapped up a series of three professional development workshops for early childhood educators in partnership with the Beaver Dam Parent Resource Place. Lastly, Carroll reported that she was mentoring a student from UW Madison in conjunction with The Gathering Source.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next regularly scheduled Extension Education Committee meeting is Monday, December 21, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Auditorium of the Dodge County Administration Building at 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Behl at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Naomi Kriewald, Secretary

  
Allen Behl, Chairperson